

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are pending in the present application.

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has required restriction in the present application between:

Group I, claims 1-23;

Group II, claims 24-26; and

Group III, claims 27-29.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I, Claims 1-23.

Election Requirement

The Examiner has further required an election of species in the present application. For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect the following:

I. - Sulfasalazine of Claim 10 for the aminosalicylic acid derivative;

I.(A.) - Cyclosporine of claim 12 for the raised species;

I.(B.) – Prednisolone;

I.(C.) - Infliximab;

I.(D.) - Metronidazole;

II. - Compound (10) of claim 5;

III. - Ulcerative colitis; and

IV. - Simultaneous.

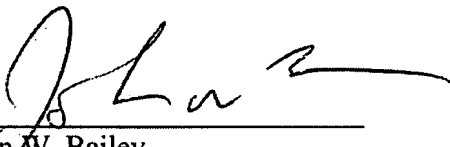
CONCLUSION

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John W. Bailey (Reg. No. 32,881) at the telephone number below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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